

CLASS 6 SPECIALIST LICENSE

A Class 6 Specialist License shall be valid for a period of 5 years.

A Class 6 Specialist License may be issued with the following endorsements:

- ***School Psychologist***
 - ***School Counselor***
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SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

To obtain a Class 6 Specialist License with a School Psychologist Endorsement, an applicant must provide verification of:

- * A current credentials as a nationally certified school psychologist (NCSP) from the national association of school psychologists (NASP); ***or***
 - * A master's degree in school psychology or a master's degree which includes the following minimums:
 1. 10 semester credits in general education/psychology (graduate or undergraduate) training to include:
 - a. new careers and transitions
 - b. human growth and development
 - c. educational psychology; ***and***
 2. Completion of the following course work is required at either the undergraduate or graduate level, provided the applicant has a master's degree from an accredited program:
 - a. exceptional children (must include special education)
 - b. curriculum development
 - c. diagnosis and remediation of reading
 - d. educational evaluation; ***and***
 3. Completion of the following specific course work in psychological methods and techniques is required at the graduate level:
 - a. individual intelligence testing
 - b. child psychopathology
 - c. personality assessment
 - d. interviewing and counseling
 - e. behavioral interventions
 - f. school psychology practicum/internship (a minimum of 4 semester hours of graduate credit or appropriate waiver); ***and***
 - g. administration, role, and function of school psychology.
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SCHOOL COUNSELOR

To obtain a Class 6 Specialist License with a School Counselor endorsement, an applicant must provide verification of:

- * A master's degree in school counseling (K-12); *or*
 - * A master's degree with an equivalent graduate level school counseling content;
and
 - * A supervised internship of at least 600 hours in a school or school related setting.
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A Class 6 Specialist License is renewable (60 renewal units or 4 semester **graduate** level credits)

A Class 6 Specialist License may be reinstated by showing verification of:

- * 60 renewal units (or 4 semester **graduate** level credits) earned during the five year period preceding the validation date of the new license; *or*
 - * 120 renewal units (or 8 semester **graduate** level credits) earned during the nine-year period preceding the validation date of the new license.
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Please Note:

Persons seeking initial licensure in Montana **must** successfully complete a supervised teaching experience in an accredited school. Supervised teaching is student teaching under an appropriate student teaching program and/or supervised practice as a Class 5 Alternative License holder. The Superintendent of Public Instruction **may not** waive this requirement.

Questions should be directed to:
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